

# Griffin's History

## Chapter XIX

### TALLAHATCHIE ASSOCIATION

This Association was organized in 1837, on a Constitution and Articles of Faith, similar to the Primitive Baptists in general—and hence we deem a repetition unnecessary. Having failed to obtain a full file of minutes, we commence with the 3rd number.

1839. In October, the Association convened at New Hope church, Marshall county—9 churches represented.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. W. West chosen Moderator, and S. M. Caruthers, Clerk.

"Elds. West, Parks and Patrick, preached on Sunday, in the order of their names.

"Correspondence arranged with two Associations, viz: Primitive and Mississippi river, (Tenn.)

"Sardis Church requests the Association to alter the Constitution, so that giving or not giving shall be no bar to fellowship.

"Answer.—Giving or receiving never has been considered a bar to fellowship; but becoming members of the falsely termed benevolent institutions of the day, has been, and is now considered a bar to fellowship.

"Therefore resolved. That we declare an unfellowship with all who may join the Bible, Tract, Temperance or Missionary Society, or Sunday School Union.

"Whereupon the three delegates from Sarflis church withdrew from this Association.

1840. In October, the Association convened at Pleasant Grove church, Lafayette county — 8 churches represented.

"Eld. W. West preached the introductory sermon.

Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and A. M. Crawford, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with two Associations, viz: Primitive and Mississippi River (Tenn.)

"Elds. Smart, Mason and Meaders preached on Sunday, in the order of their names.

1841. In October, the Association convened at Byhalia church, Marshall county—12 churches represented.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and A. M. Crawford, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with two Associations, viz: Primitive and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

"A petitionary letter was presented from the Regular Baptist Association, which was read; and, finding that the correspondence between her and the Mississippi River Association had ceased—on motion, agreed not to open correspondence with the former, until the correspondence be renewed between her and the latter; also, agreed to write the former Association a friendly letter, requesting her to labor for correspondence with the Mississippi River Association.

1842. In September, the Association convened at New Hope church, Marshall county—14 churches represented.

"Eld. T. Grace preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and T. R. Young, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

1843. In September, the Association convened at Mt. Zion, Desoto county—16 churches represented.

"Eld. W. Smart preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. W. West chosen Moderator, and T. K. Young, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

"Query—From the church at Shiloh, Marshall county, asking the advice of the Association, relative to the churches of this Association receiving members from the churches belonging to the Regular Baptist Association, upon the credit of their letters of dismissal?

"Answer.—This Association believes that their reception according to the doctrine of the Gospel, and the general usage of the Baptists, is right and in good order.

"Query—From the church at Providence, asking if it is good order for a minister of the Baptist church to baptize persons out of the church, without their knowledge or approbation?

"Answer.—It is not good order, and should not be countenanced by the churches.

"On motion by brother Morton, this Association is requested to advise the churches respecting the reception of members from other Baptist churches not in our Union.

' "Whereupon, the Association advises the churches not to receive members from the Missionary or Arminian churches or societies, only by experience and baptism—except such only as have been regularly initiated previous to the separation.

1844. In October, the Association convened at Antioch church, Lafayette county—15 churches represented.

"Eld. A. Crawford preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and T. K. Young, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: "Primitive, Lusascoona and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

Elds. Moore, Culp, Guthrey and Parks, preached on Sunday in the order of their names.

1845. In October, the Association convened at Cold Water, Marshall county—17 churches represented.

"Eld. F. Baker preached the introductory sermon in consequence of the ill— health of the appointee.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and T. K. Young, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

"Elds. Culp, Parks, Baker and Meaders preached on Sunday, in the order of their names.

1846. In October, the Association convened at Shiloh church, Marshall county—17 churches represented.

"Eld. H. W. Harewell preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. W. West chosen Moderator, and T. K. Young, Clerk.

'Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona, and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

"On motion, this Association agrees to petition the Regular Baptist Association for a correspondence.

"Elds. Moran, Culp and Hearn, preached on Sunday.

"Query from Pleasant Grove Church.—Is it right for a man claiming to hold and believe the faith of the Old School Baptists, having license to exercise in public, and a letter of dismission, and refuses to give up said letter, and mingling with other denominations?

"Answer.—We think according to scripture it is disorder, and the churches should be careful not to countenance such characters.

1847. In October, the Association convened at Pleasant Grove church, Panola county—16 churches represented.

"Eld. A. M. Crawford preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and T. K. Young, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

"Elds. Pearsall, Parks and Petty, preached on Sunday.

"Request from the Shiloh church, asking the Association to take some action upon the case of A. Compton:

"Therefore, whereas in the course of the discipline of the Gospel in the church at Shiloh, she has been reduced to the necessity of excluding from her fellowship Aaron Compton, an ordained minister of the Gospel; and whereas, they have subsequently, through a committee, demanded of him his credentials which he has refused to deliver.

"Resolved, (by the Association,) That he be published in these minutes.

1848. In October, the Association convened at Pleasant Hill church, Tippah county,—churches represented.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and T. K. Young, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona, and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

"Elders Jenkins, Petty and Meaders, preached on Sunday.

1849. In October, the Association convened at Union church, Desoto county—16 churches represented.

"Eld. W. West preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and T. K. Young, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona and Mississippi River, (Tenn.)

Elds. R. Petty, of Ky., P. Culp, of Tenn., and E. A. Meaders, preached in the order of their names.

"Request from the Horn Lake church, asking the Association to notice the case of J. R. Renfro:

"Therefore, whereas J. R. Renfro, who was an ordained minister, has been excluded from fellowship, and has been called upon to surrender his credentials, which he refuses to do.

"Resolved, (by this Association,) That we are not accountable for his acts as a minister."

1850. In October, the Association convened at Pilgrim's Rest Church, Lafayette county—15 churches represented.

"Eld. S. Parks preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. E. A. Meaders chosen Moderator, and E. D. Sinclair, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Primitive, Lusascoona and Mississippi River (Tenn.)

"Elds. Moran, Pearsall and Parks, preached on Sunday in the order of their names.

1851. In October, the Association convened at Hepzibah church, Tippah county—15 churches represented.

"Eld. H. W. Harewell preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. E. A. Headers chosen Moderator, and E. D. Sinclair, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with the three above named Associations.

"Elders Verell, Culp and Meaders preached on Sunday in the order of their names.